



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**FPB POLICY  
A-08-10**

**FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD  
FOR EXISTING PUBLIC STREETS  
CFC SECTION 503**

***I. PURPOSE***

This policy outlines the procedures for requiring fire access roadways for public streets built before February 9, 1975.

***II. SCOPE***

This policy applies to all existing public streets built prior to February 9, 1975. (For existing private streets, refer to FPB A-08-01 – Fire Access Roadways)

***III. AUTHORITY OF THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL***

The fire code official may require that an access roadway be established if a distinct hazard to life or property exists.

***IV. FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADWAY REQUIREMENTS***

The width of the fire apparatus access roadway will be determined on a case-by-case basis with the ability to conduct fire fighting operations as the primary consideration.

***V. PROCEDURES***

Upon notification that a fire apparatus access roadway has questionable width, a site inspection shall be conducted. The inspector should:

- A. Prepare a site drawing and measure the width of the entire street. Deduct seven feet for parking on each side, and determine the width remaining.
- B. Notify the FCIP supervisor if street appears to be too narrow for safe fire fighting operations.
- C. The FCIP supervisor will advise the Assistant Fire Marshal with pertinent details.
- D. There will be an on-site inspection with respective Battalion Chief(s) and appropriate engine company.

**Fire Prevention Bureau**

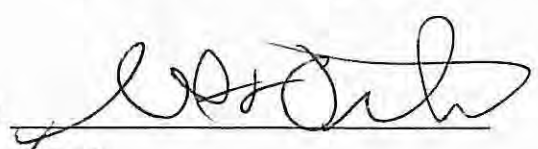
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- E. The Battalion Chiefs will make the final written decision (Attachment 1) to remove parking based on the ability to conduct fire fighting operations. This information is sent to the appropriate battalion advisor (fire inspector) and disseminated to Fire Prevention Supervisor, and then Assistant Fire Marshal.

## ***VI. NOTIFICATION***

When it is determined that a public street needs to be designated as a fire access roadway, the Fire Company Inspection Program (FCIP) Supervisor will notify the affected property owners by mail (Attachment 2-example).

- A. This letter advises the property owner to address questions or appeals to the respective Fire Prevention Bureau Assistant Fire Marshal.
- B. Once questions and appeals (including input from local engine company) have been addressed, or after 30 days if no appeals have been filed, the Fire Prevention Bureau FCIP Supervisor will contact the Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Business Center.
- C. A site meeting will be held between the Fire Prevention Bureau FCIP Supervisor, inspector and Traffic Engineering to:
  - 1. Determine which side of the street would be less affected by removal of parking (taking into consideration fire hydrants and curb cuts for driveway parking).
  - 2. Clarify which curbs are to be painted and where signs, if any, are to be placed.
- D. Traffic Engineering will issue the work order for the installation of signs and/or the painting of curbs to the Street Division of the Public Works Business Center.
- E. Copies of all correspondence between Fire-Rescue Department, Traffic Engineering, and the property owners shall be retained in Fire and Hazard Prevention Services geographical files.

Promulgated by: 

Date: 6/30/08



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Battalion \_\_\_\_\_ Chiefs:

Prior to designating a public street as a fire lane, it is the policy of San Diego Fire and Life Safety Services to obtain input from the three Battalion Chiefs in whose battalion the street is located.

The following street(s) have been identified as potentially being designated as a fire lane:

STREET(S) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

After inspecting the above location, please sign and indicate whether you feel the street(s) should or should not be designated as a fire lane. Additionally, is it your opinion that parking be restricted from one side or both sides of the street?

A Div. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B Div. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

C Div. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete by \_\_\_\_\_ and mail to your F.C.I.P. Battalion Advisor.

Thank you,

Assistant Fire Marshal

C-F&HP/BC streets



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April 1, 2005

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Reference:

Dear

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department has determined the frontage road on the 1000 block of Myrtle Avenue is too narrow to allow parking on both sides of the street and still allow adequate access for emergency vehicles.

In order to correct this problem, "No Parking--Fire Lane" signs will be installed on the interior side of the frontage road of \_\_\_\_\_ and the west side of the frontage road on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

The property owners have a right to appeal this decision within 30 days of this notice. After 30 days, if no appeals have been made, the fire lane will be installed.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Fire Prevention Supervisor  
San Diego Fire-Rescue Department  
1010 Second Avenue, Suite 300  
San Diego, CA 92101

If you have any questions, please call Deputy Fire Marshal \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Prevention Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

Assistant Fire Marshal

LT/cm

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